GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF PROFIT EARNED THROUGH SALE OF WOOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the diversion of the entire profit earned from the sale of teak and bamboos to the forest wellers in some States particularly Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether the diversion is likely to have adverse implications with regard to the scientific management of forests; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a)&(b)The Joint Forest Management(JFM) Resolution of Central Government envisages communities` participation in protection and development of forests. Hence, in lieu of their participation, they are being provided a sharing of usufructs in a manner specified by the State Forest Departments. In Madhya Pradesh, it has been decided to distribute 10% of net profit from harvesting of Timber and 20% of net profit from that of Bamboo from the profits of the past three years i.e.2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 to the JFM Committees, considering District as a unit for calculation of net profit. The State Government have also decided to distribute 100% net profit to the JFM Committees from harvesting of timber and bamboo from profits earned for the year 2003-04.

(c)&(d)The diversion of profit to the community is not expected to have adverse implications with regard to the scientific management of forests.